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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Thirtieth Anniversary Ceremony

1. Action Requested: It is requested that you participate in the Agency's 30th Anniversary Ceremony on Monday, 19 September 1977, and that you choose one of the possible program alternatives listed below.

2. Background: On 18 September 1977 the Agency will celebrate its 30th anniversary. Since 1961, with the exception of 1972, a ceremony has been held on each anniversary date of the Agency with length-of-service certificates presented by the Director to a representative group of approximately 40 employees. In 1972, the 25th anniversary, Dr. Henry Kissinger was the guest speaker. The Director, Mr. Helms, presented the 25-year certificates at a separate ceremony. The Deputy Directors presented the 10-, 15-, and 20-year certificates to their respective directorate personnel in later ceremonies.

The following are possible alternatives for the 30th Anniversary Ceremony:

a. Invite a senior government official, such as Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, to address an Agency gathering comprised of employees who are eligible for length-of-service certificates. This would be followed by the Director presenting certificates to a representative group of 30 employees.

b. Director presents 30-year certificates to those employees who have served with the Agency since its inception and addresses the audience. (Approximately 70 of the charter members are in the Headquarters area at present.)

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c. Director presents 30-, 25-, 20-, 15-, and 10-year certificates to a representative group of 50 employees (two from each Directorate and service group) and addresses the audience.

3. Recommendation: It is recommended that you participate in the 30th Anniversary Ceremony on Monday, 19 September 1977 at a time chosen by you. Of the three possible program alternatives, we would favor the traditional ceremony (paragraph 2c.). STAT

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John F. Blake

25 MAY 1977

Will Participate ✓ Will Not Participate _____

Program Alternatives:

a _____ b _____ c ✓

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